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"Slightly over one month ago President Johnson officially introduced CIA director Helms to secret agents in the East Room of the White House. According to the New York Herald Tribune, Johnson stated at that time that during 2 1/2 years of close contact with the Central Intelligence Agency he had not met a single agent of the type of James Bond. 'Perhaps I shall have an opportunity to meet Agent 007 in the future,' the President said significantly, as he introduced Helms to the persons who were present. If one is to believe the US President, CIA agents are 'academic professionals, whose triumphs have been gained not in secret darkness, but in their offices after exhausting hours of reading serious technical publications. They are economists, experts in political economy, history, geography, and many other sciences,' said the President.

CP SECRET "These words of the President must have puzzled Richard Helms, the new director of CIA, since he certainly did not spend many long years just reading. Helms is a professional spy; he worked in the CIA operational service and later became the chief of the 'Department of Planning' of the CIA, or in other words, the department of 'secret operations.'

"Helms had barely entered upon his new duties when a scandal erupted in connection with his name. It all began with a statement made by Senator William Fulbright, who said that 'everything written in the past about the role of CIA in preparing the invasion of Cuba on 17 April 1961 is, by and large, absolutely correct.'

"Why did Senator Fulbright bother to dig up the dusty archives containing information on the old flops of CIA? As it is, the role of the 'department of dirty affaris' during the US intervention in revolutionary Cuba has been well known to everyone. The thing is that the sharp conflict between the Foreign Affairs Committee headed by Fulbright and the Armed Forces Committee headed by Richard Russell has reached a new high. Richard Russell's committee has the prerogatives of chief supervisor of CIA activities in the Senate, while Fulbright's committee is trying to include representatives of his group in Russell's committee. Referring to events in the Bay of Pigs and other instances of CIA interference in US foreign policy, Fulbright tried to justify the need for including

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